

Household — A household consists of all the persons who occupy a housing unit.

Mean — This measure is the arithmetic average of a set of values, derived by dividing the sum of the values by the total number of items in the set.

Median — This measure is the middle value in a distribution. The median divides the total frequency into two equal parts: one-half of the cases fall below the median and one-half of the cases exceed the median.

Nonfamily Household — A nonfamily household consists of a group of unrelated persons or one person living alone.

Overcrowding — This concept is measured in terms of more than one person per room, derived by dividing the number of persons in each occupied housing unit by the number of rooms in the unit.

Poverty Level — This index is based on income, family size, age of householder, and/or number of children under 18. The average poverty threshold for a family of four was \$7,412 in 1980 (1979 income) and \$12,674 in 1990 (1989 income).

Poverty thresholds are applied on a national basis and are not adjusted for regional, state or local variations in the cost of living.

Race — As used by the Census Bureau, race reflects self-identification; it does not denote any clear-cut scientific definition of biological stock.

White—Includes persons who indicated their race as "White" or reported entries such as Canadian, German, Italian, Lebanese, Near Easterner, Arab, or Polish.

Black—Includes persons who indicated their race as "Black or Negro" or reported entries such as African American, Afro-American, Black Puerto Rican, Jamaican, Nigerian, West Indian, or Haitian.

Note: In this report, the terms "African American" and "Black" are used interchangeably.

American Indian—Includes persons who indicated their race as "American Indian," entered the name of an Indian tribe, or reported such entries as Canadian Indian, French-American Indian, or Spanish-American Indian. Some census counts used in this report are for American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts as a group. Eskimos and Aleuts represent only 0.4 percent of the combined group in North Carolina.

Note: In this report, the terms "American Indian," "Indian," and "Native American" are used interchangeably.

Asian—Includes "Chinese," "Filipino," "Japanese," "Asian Indian," "Korean," "Vietnamese," and "Other Asian."